

between an N-terminal amino acid sequence and a C-terminal amino segment that has at least 90% sequence identity, respectively, to one of:

- a human lubricin N-terminal and C-terminal derived amino acid sequence;
- a canine lubricin N-terminal and C-terminal derived amino acid sequence; or
- an equine lubricin N-terminal and C-terminal derived amino acid sequence.

5. The recombinant lubricin polypeptide of claim 4, wherein the contiguously repeated sequence is located between an N-terminal human lubricin derived sequence that has at least 90% sequence identity to the human lubricin sequence:

(SEQ ID NO: 75)

QDLSSCAGRCGEGYSRDATCNC DYNCQHMECCPDFKRVCTAELSCKGR
 CFESFERGRECDCAQCKKYDKCCPDYESFCAEVHNPTSPSSSKAPPP
 SGASQTIKSTTKRSPKPPNKKTKKVI ESEETEEHVSSENQESSSSSS
 SSSSSSTIRKIKSSKNSAANRELQKLVKDNKNRTRKKKTPKPPVVD
 EAGSLDNGDFKVTTPDSTTQHNVKSTSPKITTAKPINRPSLPPNSD
 TSKETSLTVNKETTVEKETTNNKQSTDGKEKTTSAKETQSIEKTS
 KDLAPTSKVLAKPTPKAETTTKGPALTTP

and a C-terminal human lubricin amino derived amino acid sequence that has at least 90% sequence identity to the human lubricin sequence:

(SEQ ID NO: 76)

SEVSTPTTTKEPTTIHKSPDESTPELSAEPTPKALENSPKPEPGVPTTKT
 PAATKPEMTTAKDKTTERDLRTRPETTTAAPKMTKETATTEKTTESK
 ITATTTQVTSITTQDTPFKITLTKTTTLAPKVTTKKTIITTEIMNKP
 EETAKPKDRATNSKATTPKQKPTKAPKPTSTKKPKTMPVRKPKTTP
 TPRKMTSTMPELNPTSRIAEAMLQTTTRPNQTPNSKLVENPKSEADGG
 AEGETPHMLLRPHVFMPEVTPDMDYLPRVFNQGI IINPMLSDETNICNG
 KPVGLTTLRNGTLVAFRGHYFWMLSPFSPSPARRITEVWGIPSPIDT
 VFTRCNCEGKTFPFKDSQYWRFTNDIKDAGYPKPIFKGFGGLTGQIVAA
 LSTAKYKNWPESVYFFKRGGSIQYIYKQEPVQKCPGRRPALNYPVYGE
 TTQVRRRRFERAIGPSQHTIRIQYSPARLAYQDKGVLHNEVKVSI LWR
 GLPNVVTSAISLPIRKPDPGYDYAFSKDQYINIDVPSRTARAITTRSG
 QTLKVVWYNCP.

6. The recombinant lubricin of claim 5, wherein the repeated sequence is KEPAPTTP (SEQ ID NO:1).

7. The recombinant lubricin polypeptide of claim 4, wherein the contiguously repeated sequence is located between an N-terminal canine derived lubricin sequence that has at least 90% sequence identity to the canine lubricin sequence:

(SEQ ID NO: 77)

QDLPS CAGRCGEGYSRDAICNC DYNCQHMECCPDFK KACTVELSCKGR
 CFESFARGRECDSDCKKYGKCCPDYEDFCGRVHNPTSPSSKTAPPS
 PGASQTIKSTAKRSPKAPNKKTKKVI ESEETEEHVSSENQESSSSSS
 SSSSTIRKIKSSKNSAANKELKKKPKVKNKERTPKKKPPPEPPVVD
 AGSGLDNGDIKLTPTPDIPTRNKVTTSPKFTTGKPINPKSLPPNTD
 TSKETSSTPNKETT VKSKETLANKETSSKAKEKITS AKETRS AEKTPAK
 DFVPTTKAPVKSTPKAESTTKGPALTTP

and a C-terminal canine lubricin derived amino acid sequence that has at least 90% sequence identity to the canine lubricin sequence:

(SEQ ID NO: 78)

SEVTTTAKDKTTEKDI IPEITTA VPKITTQETATPTTEETTESKTSTTT
 QVTSTTSSKNTPKATTLAPKVMATQKTTTTEETMKNPEETTAVPKDTA
 TSTKVTTPRPRKPTKAPKPPASTKKPNTIPKRKPKKTTPTPKMTTSTM
 PKLUPTSSVEAMLQTTTSPNQRPNSEIVEVNPNEEDTAAGKPHMFPFR
 PVLTPIFIPGTDILVRGNSQDI AINPMLSDETNL CNGKVPDGLTTLRNG
 TMVAFRGHYFWMLSPSKPPSPR KITEVWGIPSPIDTVFTRCNCEGKTF
 FFKGSQYWRFTNDIKDAGYPKQIVKGFGLNGRIVAALSIAKYDRPES
 VYFFKRGGSVQYTYKQEP I KKTGRRPAINYPVYGETTQVRRRRFERA
 IGPSQHTIRIHYSPIRVSYQDKGFLHNEVKMSSQWRGFPNVVTSALIA
 PNIRKPDGYDYAFSRNQYINIDVPSRTARVVTFRGRLSNIWYNC.

8. The recombinant lubricin of claim 7, wherein the repeated sequence is KEPAPTTP (SEQ ID NO:1).

9. The recombinant lubricin polypeptide of claim 4, wherein the contiguously repeated sequence is located between an N-terminal equine derived lubricin sequence that has at least 90% sequence identity to the equine lubricin sequence:

(SEQ ID NO: 79)

QDLSSCAGRCGEGYSRDATCNCDFNCQYMECCPDFKVKVCTSELSCKGR
 CFESFERGRECDADCKKYGKCCSDYESFCEVHNPTSPSSKTAPPP
 PGASQTIKSTAKRSPKSNKKTKKVI ESEETEEHVSSENQESSSSSS
 SSSSTIRKIKSSKNSAANRELKKKPKVKDSKKKRTPKKPTPEPPVIDEA
 GSGLDNGDFMLIPTPKIPTTRNKVTTSPKITTVPKINPKSLPPNSDT
 SKETTSTPNKETTVEKETEITNKETSTSANEKTSARKSTEKTSKDKDF
 APASEVPAKSTPKAETTTKGPALTTP

and a C-terminal equine lubricin derived amino acid sequence that has at least 90% sequence identity to the equine lubricin sequence:

(SEQ ID NO: 80)

SEVSTTTTTMKPPTTPKNLAESTPEFFPAEPTPKALENSPKPEAVPTTKA
 PEVTKPEVTTAKDKVTGKDIHTIPEITTAAPKITTETATTEKTTES